

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

There is provided a method for generating a DID instance document of a digital item. A "ChoicePrecedence" descriptor is used to perform an adaptation of an original 5 DID instance document, a recently adapted DID instance document and a newly adapted DID instance document. Designated precedence (first, second, third, last, preemptive, delete) or a "BaseChoice" and attributes (reset, before, reorder) are used to adaptively modify the recently adapted 10 DID instance document into the newly adapted DID instance document. Alternatively, the recently adapted DID instance document is created with reference to the original DID instance document and then adaptively modified into the newly adapted DID instance document.